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Stellantis to build Mopar mega-hub on Ecorse in VBT

Van Buren Township sent out invitations to those living near an Ecorse Road neighborhood to attend a May 1 meeting to tell them about a proposed new development – and allow them to ask questions.

About 40 came, along with township officials, and they were introduced by Stellantis North America to its 2-million-square-foot Mopar parts distribution mega-hub for the 350 acres east of Denton Road, north of Ecorse, and west of Beck, across from Willow Run Airport.

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said for the last six months he was bound by an inch-thick document that was a confidentiality agreement so he couldn't discuss the project until that night.

He said the facility would mainly use robots and would take the work of four warehouses.

Stellantis NA said it plans to invest at least \$30 million and bring 488 jobs into the new parts depot, which is fewer than the 500 UAW-represented employees reported to be working at the warehouse in Center Line.

The goal is to start construction before the end of the year and open by the first quarter of 2027.

The project still has to sign a 20-year lease with joint venture developer Hillwood/Sterling Group. It also must get approval from the township planning commission and EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) because it involves developing wetlands.

Stellantis submitted a tax abatement application to the township for review at an upcoming township board meeting and "is in discussions with Van Buren Township on potential economic support to help build the business case" for the mega hub, according to Stellantis spokesman Frank Matyok, as published in *Crain's Business*.

Although the Mopar project footprint covers more than 350 acres, around 170 of them would stay undeveloped, landscaped real estate, according to Supervisor



Photo courtesy of Elena Manalp, VBT Communications Department

Van Buren Township sent out invitations to residents living near the property on Ecorse Road between Denton and Belleville roads inviting them to a May 1 meeting for an announcement. About 30 residents were present to hear Stellantis NV tell about the 2-million-square-foot Mopar parts distribution "mega-hub" it plans to build in their neighborhood.

McNamara.

Among those attending the meeting were Anthony Fioritto II, Mopar director of

supply chain, Stellantis NA; Walt Bartels, Mopar labor relations, Stellantis NA; Hassan Sheikh, Wayne County Director

of Economic Development; staff from McKenna Associates, planning consultants for the township; and township officials.

VBT planners OK plans for Chick-fil-A, McDonalds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

During the April 23, three-and-a-half-hour meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, commissioners approved preliminary site plans for Chick-fil-A, a rebuilding of McDonalds, and a site-plan amendment for Upland Hills Country Walk.

However, it wrestled with site plans for Autokinton's new canopy and Contract Welding's new building, postponing any action for Autokinton and approving the site plan for the already constructed Contract Welding building, with a lengthy,

convoluted motion.

After a public hearing during which no public spoke, the commission approved sending the request on to the township board for final action on a special land-use request by Chick-fil-A, for a drive-thru restaurant in a Menards outlet.

The commission also approved the preliminary site plan for the new restaurant on 2+ acres which will share the access drive to the north with Walgreens for entry. There will be no direct access to Belleville Road.

Planning consultant Vidya Krishnan of McKenna Associates said there have been

months of revisions and now the plans work.

Krishnan said the building is traditional red brick with a flat roof canopy. The commission approved their request to allow outdoor furniture all year since it will be bolted down and to use river rock with some patches of ornamental grass.

Paul Kammer from Fishbeck Engineers said the underground detention pond from Menards was planned to include this site.

The representative of the franchise said they will donate \$25,000 to a local charity to fight hunger. They will bring in a grand-

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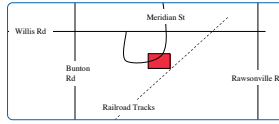
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

May 8 is the 80th anniversary of World War II's VE-Day

By Don Sherman
Van Buren Township

In 1992, I had the opportunity to interview several Belleville and Ypsilanti men and women regarding their contributions to the design, construction, and operation of the Willow Run plant for manufacturing B-24 Liberator bombers.

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of Allied victory in World War II -- May 8, 1945 -- key dates, facts, and figures from the story I wrote for *Air&Space* magazine are shared here. (Copies of the August/September 1992 issue of that publication are available on eBay). While it seems unlikely today, the Allied forces were Great Britain, the Soviet Union, the U.S., and China. The enemy, known as the Axis powers, consisted of Germany, Italy, and Japan.

1931 -- Henry Ford purchased 300 acres of Wayne County land adjoining Willow Run creek. In addition to his farming efforts, he established Camp Willow Run in support of the young sons of disabled or deceased WWI military veterans. These kids worked the fields for \$2 per day and earned from selling the fruits and vegetables they raised.

1940 -- At the beginning of hostilities in Europe, President Franklin Roosevelt called for the production of 50,000 airplanes per year, 20 times more than his 1939 request. Ford responded with an offer to build an incredible 1,000 planes of one design per day based on its expertise in manufacturing cars and Tri-motor aircraft. A government contract was subsequently issued for Ford to build 4000 Pratt&Whitney aircraft engines.

January 1941 -- Henry Ford and his manufacturing chief Charles Sorenson visited Consolidated Aircraft in California to study their B-24 bomber manufacturing practices. Their conclusion: by automotive standards, Consolidated's procedures were 35 years out of date. After toiling overnight in his hotel room, Sorenson forecast that a \$200-million factory staffed by 100,000 workers could accelerate the goal of one plane per day to a finished plane *per hour*.

March -- After the government issued the Ford Motor Company a \$3.4-million contract, 300 men wielding saws, axes, and bulldozers attacked the 100-acre Willow Run woodlot where the bomber plant would be constructed. Felled trees were cut into lumber using a steam-powered sawmill with its blade running red hot.

Hundreds of Ford design experts travelled to California to ascertain what tools and dies would be needed. Nearly 1,000 men and women worked around the clock to design critical tooling. They also reduced the B-24 design to 69 major subassemblies. By their astute reckoning, each bomber would consist of more than a million parts held together with 400,000 rivets.

April 18 -- Ground was broken for the



Photos courtesy Michigan Flight Museum

new plant. Two weeks later, steel beams arrived to support this factory's roof.

June 16 -- Nine days before its concrete floor was poured, Ford's B-24 plant was dedicated.

October 22 -- Major Jimmy Doolittle landed at the new Willow Run Airport which consisted of one-mile-square runways.

November -- Production commenced.

December 4 -- Three days before Japan's Pearl Harbor attack, the airport's paving was completed.

1942 -- Ford's plant featured an efficient flow of materials onto receiving docks and into storage cribs before entering manufacturing and assembly areas. Conveyors moved small parts and overhead cranes shifted weighty components.

An innovative 70-foot-long fixture supported the center wing assembly (carrying the landing gear and four engines) for machining. This tooling performed nearly 100 operations in hours versus the 19 days and 10,000 man-hours required by Consolidated. A second labor saving technique was replacing 15,000 spot welds per plane with rivets.

Charles Lindbergh called Willow Run, "a Grand Canyon of the mechanized world." The factory provided 2.5-million square feet of floor space inside one 1280 x 3200-foot building.

The first finished plane rolled forth in August; 56 B24s were completed in 1942.

1943 -- Production accelerated to 31 planes in January, then 190 in June. Employment climbed to 42,331 personnel, including 15,000 women. Females were essential because all eligible men were recruited for the war effort.

1944 -- Willow Run became the nation's largest B-24 producer. In March, Ford's

factories for assembly.

April 30, 1945 -- Anticipating Germany's loss in the final Battle of Berlin, Adolf Hitler committed suicide.

May 8 -- Upon Germany's unconditional surrender, the Allies celebrated Victory in Europe.

August 15 -- After atomic bombs were dropped at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan surrendered and a second WWII celebration broke out.

November 10 -- Don Sherman, this story's author, was born in Iowa. He was named after his uncle Donald Eugene who served five years as an Army officer and was awarded a Bronze Star for his meritorious European service.

1946 -- Kaiser-Fraser began assembling automobiles at Willow Run. Following a 1953 fire at its Livonia factory, GM relocated its automatic transmission manufacturing to this location.

2000 -- The Orange Lantern bar closed.

2010 -- As part of GM's bankruptcy, the Willow Run transmission plant closed.

2014 -- Except for 175,000 sq. ft. preserved for Yankee Air Museum use, the Willow Run plant was demolished.

May 2024 -- The Yankee Air Museum was renamed Michigan Flight Museum.

2025—Ten businesses still operate at Willow Run, the largest of which is Kalitta Air's cargo and charter operations.



factory built 453 bombers in 468 hours.

Workers came from 48 states plus Hawaii, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Latin America. Many shared living quarters with one tenant sleeping while the other worked. Trucks hauled in prefab housing that was stacked flat then expeditiously erected. Workers also lived in tents, shacks, Quonset huts, and converted gas stations. The new Willow Village surpassed Ypsilanti's 15,000 population.

Operating hours at the Orange Lantern bar were 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; beer cost 10-cents a glass.

29,000 workers produced 93-million pounds of airframe, half the output by Germany, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union and nearly equaling Japan's production. Over two years Ford's price for a B-24 fell from \$238,000 to \$137,000.

Total Willow Run production was 8,685 planes including 1,894 kits shipped to other



O P I N I O N S

Editorial

If we saw trucks before on Belleville Road, just wait

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission has been working with a distribution center on Belleville Road at Yost Road to direct its many truckers to Ecorse Road to the south and Michigan Avenue to the north to keep them from the busy business district south of Tyler Road in the township.

It seems to be working these days, after flyers to the truckers and signs and more signs. They seem to be staying out of the area between Tyler and I-94 and heading to the freeways they want by the alternate routes.

But, now we will have a whole different group of truckers when the Stellantis Mopar distribution center, which is much, much bigger, starts its work. These truckers will have to be diverted from the busy area on Belleville Road and it will take a whole new effort for that.

Drivers already tell me they avoid Belleville Road between I-94 and Tyler because the traffic is so heavy. That can't be good for the businesses located there.

Traffic into the city of Belleville in mid-afternoon is a nightmare, as well. It's stop and go as the five lanes in Van Buren Township funnel down into two lanes in the city.

The construction on High and North Liberty streets will add to the traffic problems in the city this summer, but that will eventually go away. In Van Buren Township it will just keep on growing as developments continue to come to town.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

There were ten of us who stood in the pouring rain on Sunday at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park on the lake in Belleville for the monthly Bugles Across America to honor our veterans. There were five umbrellas.

We were told that the previous Monday when they gathered to meet with a group of young students they found the American flag at the memorial torn in half while blowing in the wind. A picture on a phone confirmed it was, indeed, torn in half. The veterans said the city is putting up flags made to hang inside on the outside pole in the wind and weather and that isn't working.

The VFW commander said he sent information on outdoor flags to the assistant city manager, who recently had been directed to get prices on the strongest flags which were made in the U.S. to replace the flags that go up along Main Street.

Our rain gauge out on Haggerty Road showed Sunday's rainfall measured 1.6 inches. Everything is so green now.

A Belleville woman, who loves animals, told me a story about a gosling she and her daughter found in Lansing in the middle of a busy, paved street. Her daughter has just graduated as a veterinarian and they were moving her to her first job in West Bloomfield.

The two rescued the gosling, who still had its egg tooth and the bottom of his little feet were damaged from the cement road. They looked for its mother, but she was nowhere in sight.

They supposed that this egg had hatched

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



later than the others and the mom was gone with her other newborns. The woman and her daughter brought the gosling to her home on High Street and nursed it along with a heat lamp and greens and other food.

Then, they noticed a goose in Horizon Park with a string of tiny goslings behind her. They hatched their plot. She said her daughter took the gosling over to the area while the male goose flapped his wings. She put the gosling in the area of the mother goose and the mother came over to get it and the rest of the goslings clustered around it.

That poor little gosling now had a new mother and a new family.

The lady said she hopes those who are chasing geese from the park don't kill the gosling they rescued.

She does not agree with the project that disrupts the nests of geese and chases them with dogs just so people can put a blanket on the unsullied grass for a concert instead of bringing a chair.

She would clean the grass once a week before a concert if they city would go for that. There's a lady in New Boston who cleans up after geese who could do it, as well.

She was going to bring her thoughts to Monday's city council meeting but decided not to.

A lady in Belleville said that even if she didn't pay her water bill they won't shut off

her water because they can't. Her outside water meter is under a slab of concrete in her driveway and nobody can get to it.

She got the inside meter installed and she's got it fixed so it doesn't leak.

She said the city told her the outside meter would be uncovered by April, but that didn't happen.

It looks like the Detroit Institute of Arts will be bringing about eight pieces of art and mounting them outside around Van Buren Township and its parks.

This is in addition to the art that is being leased that will be put up in late May for a year in a joint project between the VBT and Belleville Downtown Development Authorities.

Looks like we'll have art all over the place this summer.



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Letters

‘Stamp Out’ Hunger food drive is Saturday

To the editor:

This Saturday, May 10, is the Post Office “Stamp Out” Hunger Food Drive. On this day, please leave non-perishable, unexpired food at your mailbox. Your mail carrier will collect your donation. All food will be given to the Emergency Food Closet at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

From Jan. 1 through April 30, we have distributed 941 bags of food and refrigerator items. We have had 51 new clients and served 209 families. 51% of our clients are age 60 and older. We have distributed 235 more bags this year than in the same time period in 2024. April has been our busiest month with 280 bags and frig. items distributed and 21 new clients. The need in our community continues to grow!

We are in need of the following foods dated 2025 and later: canned corn, green beans, peas, carrots, peaches, pears, mixed fruit, chili, canned sloppy joe, soup (no cream soups), Chef Boyardee products, canned tuna and chicken, boxed mac & cheese, instant potatoes, Knorr pasta mix, Rice-a-Roni, and boxed cereal. Personal care items including toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shampoo, feminine products, dish soap, and laundry detergent are also needed.

On April 16, we received a monetary donation and note from a community resident who wrote, “I know this is a tough time for many people and I appreciate that you are the center in the area to help them. I truly appreciate all you do for the community.”

On Jan. 31, a letter written from a client stated, “I have so often been grateful for your Emergency Food Closet provisions to me and my home! Your kind provisions often kept hunger from me and kept my home supplied with items that I might otherwise have to do without, or else do without other necessities to be able to purchase them with my limited funds.”

The Emergency Food Closet is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It serves all residents of Van

Buren and Sumpter townships and the city of Belleville.

Thank you for continuing to help feed the hungry in our community!

Marilyn Wood, coordinator
Emergency Food Closet

Museum to present ‘Lighthouses of Mich.’

To the editor and friends of the Belleville Area Museum:

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for last month’s lecture on the Early History of the NFL and the Detroit Lions! I know I really enjoyed everything Jeremy Dimick had to share and was very grateful he could join us.

In April, we were able to host both our monthly lecture and a special reading of letters from our archives presented by Nikki Pickeral from the Belleville Area District Library as a part of their celebrations during National Library Week. Thank you to the library, Nikki, and everyone who stopped by for such a fun evening!

This month, the museum will be hosting historian Andrew Kercher from Port Huron, who will be presenting his lecture “Always A Welcome Sight: Lighthouses of Michigan.” Free pizza will be provided beforehand at 5:30 p.m., and the lecture will be from 6-7 p.m. on May 22. If you are interested in joining us, RSVP by contacting us at bam@vbtmi.gov or (734) 697-1944.

In other news, the central museum exhibit now has the water level recorder from the French Landing Dam that was located and used in the powerhouse from its creation in 1925 until 1980. A special thank you to Stantec Consulting for loaning it to us. We hope you can come check it out; we will have it in our collection until 2026.

Mary Utz, curator
Belleville Area Museum
Van Buren Charter Township

New car wash should have right-turn-only exit

To the editor:

The car wash going up in front of Urgent Care hopefully will be a right-turn-only exit. If they turn left it will cause a major back up and be extremely dangerous, especially being by the curve.

Steve Ford
Belleville resident for 27+ years

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James Patrick Larkin

JAMES PATRICK LARKIN

August 13, 1944 – May 1, 2025
James Patrick Larkin, age 80, of Belleville, MI, passed away peacefully on Thursday May 1, 2025 at Trinity Health Hospital in Ann Arbor surrounded by his family. Jim was born on August 13, 1944 in Charleston, South Carolina to William and Virginia (Wood) Larkin. Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Carolyn (Stoianowski) Larkin of Belleville, MI. Jim was loving and devoted to his children, Michelle (Mark) Fulcher of Manitou Beach, MI, and Brian (Nancy) Larkin of Hollywood, FL; his sister Virginia Larkin-Kleinert of Ann Arbor; his grandson Colton James Fulcher; brother-in-law, Mahendra Kapadia; as well as many nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Linda Kapadia and Barbara-Jean (Lovell) Sovereign, and two brothers-in-law, Richard Kleinert and Daniel Stoianowski, Jr. Jim grew up in Plymouth, MI where he played on the 5-acre homestead with his older sisters. He helped his father to build their family home and as an adult used that experience to assist his brother-in-law in constructing the home that he and his wife have lived in and raised their family together for over 52 years. Jim was attending college when he left to proudly serve our country in the Army from 1968-1970. Jim served in the First Air Cavalry in Vietnam, earning a bronze star for his heroism. Jim returned home and almost immediately asked Carolyn to be his bride.

Jim enjoyed spending time at home with his family where he could be found planting trees, landscaping and gardening with Carolyn making his home a serene place. He was a loving and committed father to his two children. He would stay up all night putting together Christmas presents and worked many hours of overtime to send his children through school. Jim had a strong work ethic. He was employed at Ford Motor Company and retired after working for 30 years at the Livonia Transmission Plant. Many will remember Jim's warm smile and kind eyes. Jim had an enormous peaceful heart; he found the good in everyone he met. Jim's faith was a driving force in his life. Jim was a member and long-time parishioner at St. Anthony Catholic Church, in Belleville, serving as an usher, in the Men's Club and on the finance commission. Jim had a playful, fun side too. He enjoyed traveling with his family and could often be found at a U of M football game or cheering for the Detroit Lions or Tigers.

A visitation was planned for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. A Funeral Mass and military honors will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI, 48111, with an hour visitation before Mass. A burial will take place later in the afternoon at Marble Park Cemetery, 520 Main St., Milan, MI.

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Obituaries



Betty Gramlich

BETTY GRAMLICH

May 3, 1930 – April 29, 2025

Betty passed away on Tuesday April 29, 2025, with her family by her side. Betty was born on May 3, 1930, to Karl and Betha Wild. She married Leo Gramlich on June 16, 1951, in Monroe, MI, and she is now reunited with her beloved husband who preceded her in death in May 2008. After graduation from Monroe High she worked at La-Z-Boy where she met Leo, then spent many years as a loving wife and mother, devoted to her family. Once her children were grown, Betty worked as a secretary at a state prison until her retirement. Betty loved to read, go to yard sales, crochet and sew. She passed on her love of sewing to her daughters and together they made and donated over 500 little quilts for the preemies born at University of Michigan Hospital during the last few years of Betty's life. She was a devoted mother and grandmother who will be remembered for her bright smile, her kind and thoughtful nature, and her love, dedication, and generosity to her family and friends.

Betty is survived by three children: Debra (Collin) Eagle of Temperance, Judy Johnson of Belleville, and Kevin (Margaret) Gramlich of Livonia. She was grandma to nine grandchildren: Jeffrey (Amber), Gregory, Stephen (Rachel), Megan (Brandon), Amy (Ora), Karla (Alex), Jori (Jimmy), Isabelle, and Grace. Her eight great-grandchildren include: Nadia, Leo, Lucy, James, Benjamin, Willow, Miller, and Zander. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister, Lena.

A visitation was planned for Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. A funeral service is planned for Thursday, May 8, 2025, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Belleville, MI at 11 a.m. with visitation an hour before the service. Reverend Frey will officiate. Luncheon will be held at the church following the service. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery on Raisin Street in Maybee, MI at 2:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity would be appreciated.

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STEVE J. KOTLARCZYK

October 3, 1938 – April 29, 2025

Age 86, of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife Jo Ann; sons Stephen, Michael, and Mark; sister Nancy Dibble; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren. Services were May 5 at Belleville First United Methodist Church. Burial at Soop Cemetery.

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Dennis Pendleton



DENNIS PENDLETON

May 30, 1947 – April 30, 2025

Dennis Pendleton, age 77, of Belleville, MI, passed away April 30, 2025 at Regency in Westland, MI. He was born May 30, 1947 in Dearborn to M. Lyle and B.J. (Raths) Pendleton. After graduation from Fordson High School in Dearborn he went to work for Michigan Bell, later taking a military leave joining the U.S. Navy serving honorably on board the USS Saratoga. He then returned to Michigan Bell as a switchman until his retirement from AT&T. He enjoyed his motorcycles and the many short and out of state trips taken with his friends. Dennis also raced Triumph Spitfires and Formula Fords at Waterford Hills Road Racing Track for which he won several trophies and awards over the years he raced there. He was a quiet person who also enjoyed hanging out with his friends at Sam's. He will be dearly missed.

Dennis is survived by his siblings Kathryn (Sam) Greco of Dearborn Heights, MI and Robert Pendleton of Belleville, MI; cousins Sharon (David) Bailey of Taylor, MI and Curtis Schauer of Muskegon, MI. He is also survived by numerous relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Rodney.

Visitation for Dennis will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the funeral service starting at 1 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 734-697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore will serve as Celebrant.

Burial will follow at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, MI. www.davidcbrownfh.com

RANDALL PRICE

May 2, 1949 – May 1, 2025

Age 75, of Belleville. Survived by wife Marlene, children Brian and Cindy, seven grandchildren, one great-grandson, and seven siblings. Visitation was at David C. Brown Funeral Home on May 6. He will have funeral and burial in the family cemetery in Kentucky. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Judith Lee (Chamberlain)
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JUDITH LEE BRENNAN

December 7, 1960 – May 3, 2025

Judith Lee (Chamberlain) Brennan, age 64, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2025, at her home. She was born December 7, 1960, in Wayne, MI, daughter of Robert Lee & Grace Ellen (Bailey) Chamberlain. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1979. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1984 and worked at several hospitals before settling in at University of Michigan, where she retired. Judy loved crafts, sewing, and reading. More than anything she loved her family, and her God. She attended Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, Garden City, MI, for a few years, and more recently attended Romulus Wesleyan Church, now 5 Points Church, Romulus, MI, when her health allowed. Judy was a 7-year cancer survivor. Her compassion and dedication will be forever remembered.

Judy is survived by her husband of over 20 years, Jack Frederick Brennan, son Christopher Brennan of Van Buren Township, MI, 3 grandchildren: Emilee, Lilleigh, and Kinsley; her mother Grace Chamberlain of Van Buren Township and Punta Gorda, FL, sister Ella Marie (David) Jones of Pittsburgh, PA, two brothers Bill (Lynn) Chamberlain of Belleville, MI, and Steve (Tracy) Chamberlain of Cape Coral, FL, 8 nieces & nephews: Carissa, Sarah, Jacob, Katelyn, Joshua, Ashley, Rebecca, and Elisabeth; also numerous great nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father Robert Chamberlain.

Visitation will be Thursday 4-8 p.m., Friday 1-8 p.m., and Saturday 1-3 p.m. with a 3 p.m. Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Pastor Bob Harper will officiate. Interment will follow in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to a Cancer research organization of the donor's choice would be appreciated.

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BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, May 8** – Boys Golf vs. Livonia Franklin, 2:45 p.m. at Willow Metropark; Varsity Tennis vs. Lincoln, 4 p.m.

• **Saturday, May 10** -- Girls Soccer vs. Woodhaven, JV 10:30 a.m., Varsity 12 p.m.

• **Monday, May 12** – JV Baseball vs. Livonia Stevenson, 4:30 p.m.; V Lacrosse KLAACrossover, 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday, May 13** -- Girls Soccer KLAAC Tournament, JV 5:30 p.m., Varsity 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday, May 14** – V Baseball vs. Livonia Stevenson, 4:30 p.m.

Jamie Cichowski

Belleville High School Athletic Secretary



Rickard Schafer

RICKARD SCHAFFER

September 19, 1947 – May 3, 2025

Rickard Schafer, age 76, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away on May 3, 2025, at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor surrounded by his family. He was born on September 19, 1947, in Detroit, MI to Adolf and Thetis (Harvey) Schafer. After his high school years, he served our country in the United States Army. While serving he earned 5 Purple Hearts and also a Silver Star. Rickard served in Vietnam. He met and married Marlene and they shared 40 wonderful years together. Rickard also enjoyed fishing, gardening, baseball, and was an avid reader. He had a love of bull dogs and collected many things related to his love of them. He will be greatly missed.

Rickard is survived by his loving wife, Marlene Schafer of Van Buren Township, MI, his son, Eric Schafer of Columbus, Ohio, nieces, Sally Elliston of Taylor, MI, Ricksard Chenot of Monroe, MI, and Bobbette of Brownstown, MI, as well as many other nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Robert Schafer and sisters Sharon Collins and Mary Elaine Holland.

A visitation has been planned for Friday May 9, 2025, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 12 p.m. at the Belleville Presbyterian Church, 11900 Belleville Road, Belleville, MI, 48111. Reverend Ken Kaibel will officiate. He will be buried in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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• **Thursday, May 8** – Keystone Academy School Board annual meeting, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

• **Monday, May 12** – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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• **Tuesday, May 13** – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, May 14** – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

• **Monday, May 19** – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 p.m., at the Parks & Rec. building at Graham Park, 24560 Sumpter Rd.

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opening team to run the "honeymoon" period of the opening because it generally brings a crowd. They will also bring in employees from other locations to help with the crowd. He said they designed stacking on their property, but some might go over to the Menards property for the honeymoon period.

He said Chick-fil-A is building restaurants in Canton and Ann Arbor with about the same building schedule as the Van Buren site. Another restaurant is going up in Hartland and others throughout Michigan.

Leslie Accardo of the PEA Group was present on behalf of owner Belleville North Venture.

Rebuilding McDonalds

Applicant Tanya Momchev was present to ask for preliminary site plan approval on behalf of the McDonalds Corporation to tear down the 40-year-old building and rebuild McDonalds at 10760 Belleville Rd.

The 1.33-acre site is retaining the two access points on Belleville Road, but the exit lane will have a right-turn-only sign. There will also be a northern curbcut to the shopping center boulevard and those wishing to go north on Belleville Road can exit on the north drive.

McDonalds will add an underground onsite waste management system and must go through the county for this, Kammer said.

Dan Olson, project manager, said there are 26-onsite stacking spaces for vehicles and that is more than enough for their double drive thru. When Krishnan questioned why they need water and electricity at the outdoor shed, Olson said it's for a hose and

for an inside light in the shed to turn on to see what's inside.

He said it will take four months to tear down and rebuild the restaurant and they hope to get it done this year.

Momchev said this is the third-generation building at the site.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr reported that in 1978, the VBT Board of Zoning Appeals gave approval for the pole sign and that approval goes with the property and they get to keep the sign.

Autokiniton (former L&W)

The contractor hired to build a canopy addition over an existing scrap dumpster for Autokiniton at 6201 Haggerty Rd. was present to represent the company at its request for preliminary and final site plan approvals for the project.

Adam Tabit of Lee Contracting, Inc. was present but unable to answer questions on all the outdoor storage piled all the way to I-275 at the site.

The request was for a free-standing canopy and no color rendering was provided and no one from the was company present.

"He's just building the canopy and 10,000 square feet of auto parts are put here," Krishnan said. "He's left answering. No. Somebody from the company should have been here."

"The final site plan is supposed to be perfect," commission Jahr said, pointing out there is no recommendation from the fire department and he would like to see a motion to delay. "I need something to approve," he said. "He can build the canopy eventually."

Chairman Brian Cullin and commissioner Bernie Grant agreed the commission needs

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someone from the owners to answer the questions.

"Those are violations the township could press against the owner," Jahr said of the outdoor storage situation, adding, he wouldn't recommend that right now.

The motion was made by Jahr, seconded by Treasurer Sharry Budd to postpone the request until there is information for approval available. It was unanimously approved.

Director of municipal services Ron Akers said the planning staff has meetings each Tuesday and Thursday and they could meet with the owners to work out discrepancies.

Contract Welding

Tom Tinsley of Contract Welding was present to seek preliminary site plan approval for a building at 385 Sumpter Rd. at Industrial Park Drive, but when the commission learned the building was already up with a roof on it, and fully in use, commissioners were upset.

Krishnan explained the procedure and said although she is not recommending the building be taken down, there are 17 stipulations for the site which is part of the Sumpter Road Overlay District.

Engineer Kammer said he has two sets of plans for the new hydrants for the water main extension, one in October 2022 and one in December 2024 and he said both are good, but he wants to know which one is correct. The water detention system is part of the Victoria Commons system, he said.

Part of the Contract Welding property is in the city of Belleville and part in Van Buren Township.

Tinsley said he had hip replacement three weeks earlier. He sat through three hours of the meeting before they got to his part.

He said Contract Welding is a 61-year-old family business and he had been letting the construction manager handle their project to replace a wooden pole barn that was falling down, but he has found it wasn't done right and he wants to do it right.

He said Van Buren Township issued a permit for the foundation and it was put in with inspections and got approval.

Commissioner Grant said then the building was completed but never approved.

Director Akers said the department no longer issues a foundation permit in that manner.

"We're not approving a building," said Treasurer Budd. She said the minutes will say we're giving permission to build a

building that's already built.

"The wording is wrong," said commissioner Peter Creal. "How do we get him back on track?"

Tinsley said he removed an 8,000 square foot structure and put up a metal structure of 12,000 square feet. He said he didn't think replacing his building would be a problem.

"We're also asking you for a lot of site plan improvements," Jahr said.

Krishnan said Tinsley has been working with the township to make it right.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson urged the commission to work forward.

Akers said he still needs to get a plan and have the building inspected.

"We don't want people to think in Van Buren Township you can do this," commissioner Grant said.

Jahr said this is the second development in the new Sumpter Road Overlay District and for him to have only 17 things he has to do is pretty good.

Tinsley said when they had problems, they moved their parking to the city of Belleville side of their property.

One of the stipulations was for Contract Welding to put a bike rack and possibly a bench at the front of their property and Tinsley said that wouldn't be a problem and just tell him what they want.

"We're welders. We build bike racks," he said, adding, "I've seen what the DDA pays for art and I wish I could do that and make a lot of money. It's just like our junk from out back."

The commission then approved a long, involved, detailed and convoluted motion that essentially approved preliminary site plan with stipulations.

"Van Buren Township has to monitor its processes, so it's not all on you," Grant said to Akers.

Upland Homes Country Walk

On the final item on the agenda, the commission took five minutes to hear the request and grant a site plan amendment for Upland Homes in Country Walk so it can add a 1,700-square-foot ranch home to its other approved two-story homes. The representative from Upland Homes said young people and retired folk both like the ranches and they are selling well.

Commissioner Randall Pahle was absent and excused from the meeting.

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The fourth-grade team from Edgemont Elementary School in Belleville won the civics trivia competition between five schools present at the May 2 Community Day at 34th District Court in Romulus. Second place went to Barth Elementary in Romulus. Standing behind the winning team are, from left, Judges Lisa Martin, Theresa Patton, and Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley. When it started raining at noon, most of the activities switched from the outside to inside the courthouse, including the trivia competition.

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A proclamation signed by the Belleville City Council proclaimed May 5 as Sgt. Todd Schrecengost Day in the city. This was at Monday's meeting of the city council. From left are Public Safety Director/Police Chief Kris Faull, Sgt. Schrecengost, Mayor Ken Voigt, and behind him Mayor Pro-tem Kelly Bates and Councilwoman Julie Kissel.

City Council proclaims May 5 as Sgt. Todd Schrecengost Day

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

To celebrate the 25 years of service of Police Sgt. Todd Schrecengost, on Monday the Belleville City Council presented him with a proclamation they signed recognizing May 5, 2025 as Sgt. Todd Schrecengost Day.

Police Chief/Public Safety Director Kris Faull said the city also had a lunch to mark his 25th year of service. She presented him with a plaque.

When the *Independent* asked him if he is retiring, he said he was not.

Chief Faull said it was time to start honoring employees for their service to the community.

She also introduced Isabella Teachout, one of the two new fire fighters, who along

with Raytheon Martin, graduated from fire classes 1 and 2 and now they both are taking EMT classes. Martin was not present.

Chief Faull said she and Schrecengost were hired at about the same time and are like brother and sister. She said she recently moved him to the daytime shift to assist her in her duties and he has become her "right-hand man."

Mayor Ken Voigt, who presented Schrecengost with the proclamation, said the plan has been to get another sergeant in place, since he is the only sergeant now, and to promote Schrecengost to lieutenant in the future.

The city also presented Mike Renaud

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City Council

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with a plaque for his 15 years serving on the planning commission before he retired.

There were plaques for two who were not present: Alicia McGovern, who retired after 10 years on the Downtown Development Authority, and Mike Hawkins, who retired as chairman of the planning commission after 17 years of service.

In other business at the almost two-hour meeting, the council:

- Heard Faull give budget presentations on the police and fire departments, noting

items she would like to see in the 2025-26 city budget;

- Approved the Egan's Pub Summer Car Shows without comment. The car show is on Main Street, between Third and Fifth streets every Monday from June 2 to Oct. 27;

- Approved without comment the Lake Fest being put on by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce June 27-29 throughout the downtown area. The request included the extension of Bora/Dora to midnight Friday and Saturday and 8 p.m. on Sunday. This allows participating bars to sell alcoholic beverages in special

containers so they can be carried around the designated area by those imbibing;

- Agreed, without a vote, to have both GoGov and Nixle alerts to the public for a time until Nixle is discontinued. GoGov costs \$3,900 a year and Nixle is \$2,678. Mayor Voigt said he liked all the extra services of GoGov for citizen notifications and alerts app, but people will need time to adjust from Nixle;

- Approved on a 4-1 vote to purchase a gas self-propelled walk behind concrete saw for \$12,299 with two 46" blades at a cost of \$872 for a total cost of \$14,043. City crews will be taught the use of the big saw so they can fix some of the concrete in the city themselves as part of the street program. There is a chance that the saw could be rented out to Sumpter and Van Buren townships to earn money. Councilwoman Julie Kissel asked what the rental charge would be and when they didn't know, she voted against the proposal. She said she wasn't against the saw, but she wanted to know the rental cost;

- Took no action on the proposal to buy engineered wood fiber for \$9,674 for Victory Park and \$6,075 for Village Park, when Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Bates asked why the DDA wasn't paying for it since the DDA does parks in the city. Mayor Voigt said to put it on the DDA agenda;

- Approved paying \$6,200 to Giffels Webster to amend the 5-year Parks Plan Refresh to DNR Compliance. City manager Jason Smith said the DNR no

longer allows "refresh" plans and all plans are considered "new" with more stringent guidelines. Giffels Webster is working on the master plan and so it has information for this parks plan. Once that is done the city will qualify to apply for parks grants;

- Tabled a proposal to approve Municode for digital ordinance and code book at a cost of \$31,325 plus \$3,375 annually. More discussion is needed;

- Took no action after discussing problems with downtown parking. Two businesses had complained to the city council about employees from other businesses parking in front of their shops all day and blocking their customers from the spaces. A letter from another business was included in the council packet. Councilman Randy Priest suggested a policy to respect each other's businesses;

- Discussed different details on how to put up a sign that would mark the state championships of Belleville High School teams. More information is needed. Councilman Jeremiah Beebe suggested asking the school for their ideas;

- Adopted a resolution adopting the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as required by the state. The 2021 version is the most recent adopted by the state;

- Reviewed the first reading of an ordinance to ban people from feeding wild animals in the city parks. City manager Smith said they put up signs banning the feeding and then found the city had no ordinance to back up the signs;

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Bates ask about the \$300 charge on the check register to the City of Romulus for euthanizing a dog. Chief Faull said the city had a vicious animal attack that put a child into the hospital and asked Romulus to keep it for 10 days. The dog owner went to court on the charge and signed to have it euthanized. She will reimburse the city, Faull said;

- Heard Mayor Voigt say they hope to move into the new city hall at 330 Charles Street by October; and

- Heard citizens say they came to the April 22 city council meeting that was cancelled and the city hall door was locked and there was no notice on the door that the meeting had been canceled. They said they called the police department who told them the meeting was canceled. They asked if a meeting is canceled to please post it on the door and city manager Smith said they would do so in the future.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Notice of Public Informational Meeting for Wayne Disposal, Inc. Hazardous Waste Management Facility Operating License Application

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Materials Management Division (MMD), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), is hosting a public meeting regarding the hazardous waste management facility operating license application for Wayne Disposal, Inc., pursuant to Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and the Toxic Substances Control Act. The application is for Wayne Disposal, Inc., to expand the disposal volume and add hazardous waste storage and treatment capacity at its facility located at 49350 North Interstate-94 Service Drive, Belleville, Michigan.

EGLE has scheduled a public informational meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Wayne County Community College District, Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information regarding the facility's application and a question-and-answer period.

The application is available online at Michigan.gov/USEcologyWDI or at:

EGLE, MMD Hazardous Waste Section Constitution Hall 525 West Allegan Street Lansing, Michigan 48933 Contact: Christine Matlock Phone: 517-290-4612 By appointment	EGLE, MMD Warren District Office 27700 Donald Court Warren, Michigan 48092 Contact: Todd Zynda Phone: 586-206-1640 By appointment
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Requests to be placed on the Facility Mailing List may be submitted using the online TSDf Mailing List Form at Michigan.gov/USEcologyWDI or by U.S. mail to Christine Matlock, MMD, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48907-7741. All other requests for information, including hard copies of the application, should be directed to Christine Matlock or Lisa Graczyk at the telephone numbers listed above or by email to MatlockC2@Michigan.gov or Graczyk.Lisa@EPA.gov.

Individuals needing language assistance or accommodations for effective participation at the public meeting should contact Christine Matlock by May 14, 2025, to request language, mobility, visual, hearing, translation and/or other assistance.

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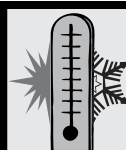
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Boynton was elected to the position by his township peers at a caucus election at MTA's 2025 Annual Educational Conference, held in April in Grand Rapids. MTA serves Michigan's 1,240 townships.

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Currently serving his second term as trustee, Boynton was first elected trustee in 2020. Before that, he served on the township planning commission for 13 years, from 2007 to 2020, and on the zoning board of appeals from 2017 to 2020. He is a member of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and the Michigan Association of Planning.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 7, 2025 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Beebe	Absent
Council Member Kissel	Present
Council Member Priest	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Present
Mayor Voigt	Absent – Excused

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

a. Presentations – Mayor Pro Tem Bates read Proclamation to Belleville High School Girls Basketball team.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

a. Approval of Minutes
i. March 17, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

b. Communications
i. MMRMA Monthly Acknowledgements
ii. Michigan CLASS March Statement

c. Council Follow Up List
d. DDA Follow Up List – Council Member Kissel asked where items go when completed. Mayor Pro Tem requested City Manager clarify why this was on the agenda as it is something that council does not approve.

e. DPW Report – Council Member Kissel congratulated Daved Huby for finishing CDL training. Kissel also inquired about any others getting CDL training.

f. Special Events
i. Fill the Boot for Autism – Council Member Kissel inquired if this was a second date for event.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. Resolution #25-006 – Commitment of 3-year plan for Non-Motorized Act 51 Funds.

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve Resolution 25-006.

Motion Carried.

b. Purchase of two Dominion Voting High-Speed tabulators.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve purchase of two Dominion Voting High-Speed tabulators.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye

Motion Carried.

c. Discussion – Main Street Parking
Discussed options to help with parking challenges on Main Street. Mayor Pro Tem Bates is encouraging Main Street Businesses to express their ideas. Council Member Kissel suggested discussion continues when all council members are present. Council member Priest inquired what timed parking would entail.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

a. Accounts Payable
b. Departmental Expenditures

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye

Motion Carried

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

a. Meter replacement is 76.92% completed.

b. Special meeting Tuesday April 8, 2025, to discuss bid opening for Liberty & High Street.
c. Lexipol grant application.
d. Receiving new building specs April 8, 2025, to be put out for bid.
e. Update on Briana Hootman.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Bates

i. We had a fake spring, looking forward to warmer weather.

b. Council Member Kissel

i. Planning Commission will have presentation by Giffels Webster, moving forward with Master Plan.
ii. I enjoyed reading to head start students recently.

c. Council Member Priest

i. Proud to represent at Hands Off Rally.

a. 12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

b. Absent

c. 13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

d. a. John Juriga asked how the city would be choosing a contractor for 330 Charles Street renovation.

b. Rosemary Oztzman inquired about the presentation plaques that were on the agenda and not presented, the council explained the recipients were unable to attend and would be rescheduled. Rosemary also noted there is a 2-hour parking limit on Fifth Street.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

a. None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to adjourn at 7:10 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle Bellingham

Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

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Shelly Brown-Chudzinski and her husband Jim Chudzinski of Belleville celebrated Shelly's 50th birthday in Venice, Italy with a gondola ride. Then they saw Tuscany, (Siena-San Giongiamarmo and Florence) and ended in Rome, before flying out of Milan!

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

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VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **1:00 p.m. on May 20, 2025**, for the **Belleville High School Band Bleacher Project**. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=9cdde5ee50a441ad95725bcbdb21618>

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on May 6, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at Belleville High School football stadium entrance, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111.

A Bid Security executed by a U.S. Treasury listed Surety Company acceptable to the Owner or a cashier's check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. An Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit and a Non-Collusive Affidavit. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Documents will be available for viewing on **May 2, 2025**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki at Plante Moran Realpoint at: rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
Advertising Director



The annual Buddy Poppy distribution by our local VFW and PLAV starts today and

runs through Saturday, May 10. Watch for them at the Five Points intersection and High/Main from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and have your donation ready so you don't hold up traffic. You know how the important people are in such a hurry to get through town!

Also, this weekend on Saturday, May 10, the day before Mother's Day, Boy Scout

Troop 793 will be selling hanging and potted flowers in the Fourth Street Square from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As usual when there is one thing scheduled, there are many more to fill your day. Don't forget to leave some non-perishable food at your front door for the post office carrier to pick up for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 10. Please also check the expiration date and although you might eat it a few days late, don't donate expired food for others.

The lecture in May at the Belleville Area Museum is on Thursday, May 22. Andrew Kercher from Port Huron will be speaking on Lighthouses in Michigan. When my mother was living we tried to take her someplace different every year for her birthday and one year we did the East tour of lighthouses starting from Mackinaw City. I had no idea there were so many that there were two separate tours, East

and West. Anyway, the lecture will be at 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. but don't forget when you register ahead you can start at 5:30 p.m. with pizza.

Many of our seasonal ads are back in the paper. Check out all the greenhouse ads for your Mother's Day, spring planting, or Memorial Day purchases. Barnett Roofing didn't take a break again this year but Diversified Roofing did and now they are back. Parkway Services is back for your special-event needs or for septic cleaning. Stump Grinders will help get rid of those pesky stumps and Carson will power wash everything in and around your house that doesn't move! Really, if you can't find the service you need in our paper you should let me know and we will hook you up!

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

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The City of Belleville is accepting **sealed bids** for the sale of its 1995 AM General Hummer:

- **Mileage:** 28,192.8 miles
- **Color:** Red
- **Engine:** 6.5L Turbo Diesel

The vehicle is being sold **as-is, with no warranties expressed or implied**. Interested bidders are encouraged to inspect the vehicle before submitting a bid. The vehicle may be inspected by appointment only at the contact information below.

THERE IS A RESERVE PRICE OF \$15,000.

Sealed Bid Submission Requirements:

- Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked:
"SEALED BID – 1995 AM GENERAL HUMMER"
- Include the bidder's name, contact information, and bid amount in U.S. dollars.

Deadline for Bid Submission: May 14, 2025 at 10:00 am

City of Belleville
Attn: Director of Public Safety
6 Main Street
Belleville, MI 48111

Bids will be publicly opened at **10:00 am** on the deadline date in the Council Chambers.

For more information or to schedule an inspection, please contact Chief Kristin Faull, 734-699-2710 x 7002 or kfaull@belleville.mi.us.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the City.

Public Notice

United States of America Federal Energy Regulatory Commission French Landing Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 9951) Public Notice

STS Hydropower, LLC (STS) and Van Buren Charter Township, Michigan (MI) are collectively the Licensees of the 1.8-megawatt (MW) French Landing Hydroelectric Project (Project) located on the Huron River in the Van Buren Charter Township and City of Belleville, in Wayne County, Michigan. The Licensees are pursuing a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the continued operation of the Project in accordance with FERC's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) as defined at 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 5. The Project's current operating license expires on April 30, 2027. In accordance with FERC regulations, the Licensees must file a Final License Application (FLA) for a new license with FERC no later than April 30, 2025. Please take notice that the Licensees filed their FLA with FERC on April 29, 2025. In accordance with FERC regulations, the Licensees are providing public notice of the FLA filing.

The licensed Project works consist of: (1) a dam consisting of: (i) a 35-foot-high, 270-foot-long left earth embankment with a crest elevation of 658.5 feet (NGVD29); (ii) a 33-foot-2-inch-wide sector gated left spillway bay with a sill elevation of 640.0 feet; (iii) a 14-foot-3-inch wide left concrete pier; (iv) a 50.5-foot-wide by 68-foot-long masonry powerhouse of concrete substructure and brick substructure; (v) a 14-foot-3-inch-wide right concrete pier; (vi) a 33-foot-2-inch-wide sector gated right spillway bay with a sill elevation of 640.0 feet; (vii) a 12-foot-wide and 83-foot-long abandoned fish ladder; (viii) a 181-foot-1.5-inch-long ungated six barrel-arch spillway with a crest elevation of 652.0 feet; and (ix) and a 515-foot-long right earth embankment with a crest elevation of 657.5 feet; (2) a powerhouse containing one generating unit rated at 1,800 kW; (3) a reservoir with a surface area of 1,270 acres and a storage capacity of 17,780 acre-feet at maximum pool elevation of 651.5 feet; (4) an outlet channel approximately 108 feet long with a variable width, with a minimum distance of 88 feet and a maximum distance of 100 feet 5 inches; (5) transmission facilities including (i) the 4.16-kV generator leads; (ii) a 525-foot-long buried 4.16 kV transmission line; (iii) a 2,500 kVA 4.16/41.6-kV, 2-HVA step-up transformer; (iv) the 50-foot-long, 4.16-kV transmission line to the point of interconnection and; (6) appurtenant facilities.

The Licensees are making public portions of the FLA available to resource agencies, Indian Tribes, local governments, non-government organizations, and the public on the Project's distribution list. An electronic copy of the FLA is available on FERC's website using the following weblink: <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>, enter P-9951 in the docket number. A paper copy of the FLA can also be viewed at Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111. Please review library hours as they vary throughout the week. Upon acceptance of the FLA, FERC will publish subsequent notices soliciting public participation. Any questions regarding this notice or the FLA can be directed to Melissa Rondou at melissa.rondou@eaglecreekre.com.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 393 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, April 27:

0002 – traffic offense, Lohr Rd./Bemis Rd.
0048 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0104 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0133 – 911 welfare check, Fret Rd.
0320 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.
0440 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0530 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Beacon Trl.
0934 – domestic, Oak Blvd.
0943 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
S. Grove Rd.
1136 – harassment call, Buchanan St.
1245 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1354 – family trouble, Edwards Rd.
1510 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1527 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1528 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
N. I-94 Service Dr.
1825 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood
1854 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Rawsonville Rd.
1853 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2026 – mental subject, Jeremy Rd.
2103 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2115 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
2244 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

Monday, April 28:

0012 – domestic, Oak Blvd.
0039 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
0143 – parking complaint, Ecorse Rd.
0220 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0213 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
0256 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.
0819 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0836 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
0946 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Mission Pointe
1000 – warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
1119 – welfare check, Renton Rd.
1125 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.
1202 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Orchard
1404 – welfare check, Tyler Rd.
1420 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1430 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.
1428 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1440 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S.
I-94 Service Dr.

1655 – abandoned auto, Mott
1525 – misc. complaint, Oak Ln.
1528 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1539 – breaking & entering, W. Archwood Dr.
1544 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville
Rd./Tyler Rd.
1713 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service
1859 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1924 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Lake Point Blvd.

2035 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. /
Denton Rd.

2124 – juvenile complaint, Hamilton St.
2153 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.
xxxx – threat, Elwell Rd.

2301 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, April 29:

0245 – motorist assist, W. I-94/rest area
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0758 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
0809 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0852 – 911 welfare check, Sadie Ln.
xxxx – private property impound, Haggerty Rd.
0948 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1222 – assist fire dept., Brandi Dr.
1551 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
1628 – parking complaint, Andover Dr.
1647 – misc. complaint, Hull Rd.
1835 – assist other dept., WB I-94/I-275
1858 – animal complaint, Holly Ln.
1921 – animal complaint, Holly Ln.
1931 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1952 – welfare check, Jeremy Rd.
2045 – breaking & entering, Sheldon Rd.
2146 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2229 – welfare check, Borgman Ave.

2313 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, April 30:

0005 – harassment call, N. Woodbury Dr.
0004 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94
Service Dr.
0056 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
0102 – 911 welfare check, Arthur St.
0105 – assist other dept., Maurice Dr.
0359 – juvenile complaint, Woodbury Dr.
0644 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0658 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0944 – misc. complaint, McBride
0945 – misc. complaint, McBride
0945 – misc. complaint, McBride
0946 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
1040 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1054 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1125 – assist other dept., Maurice Dr.
1133 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van
Buren St.

1212 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Sunrise Ln.

1656 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S.
Sadie Ln.

1744 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
/ Dellor St.

1826 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.

1921 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Belleville Rd.

1930 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Ormond Dr./Ellen Ave.

2120 – assist citizen, Sawgrass Ct.

Thursday, May 1:

0000 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
0035 – neighbor trouble, Freedom Way
0143 – 911 welfare check, Locust Dr.
0137 – 911 welfare check, Brandi Dr.
0301 – traffic offense, Independence Ln.
0447 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
0652 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Maurice
0726 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
0736 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.
1020 – misc. complaint, Richard Run Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1429 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd./Bog
1606 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
1911 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
2104 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.

1928 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Belleville Rd.

1945 – welfare check, Bak Rd.

2045 – intrusion alarm, Bradley Dr.

2115 – dumping complaint, Edison Lk.

2152 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Denton Rd.

2144 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
Van Born Rd.

2320 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak
Ln.

Friday, May 2:

0023 – family trouble, Sheldon Rd.
0119 – disorderly, Brandi Dr.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0504 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0638 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville
Rd.

0706 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.

0702 – animal complaint, Beck Rd./Tyler Rd.

0849 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0850 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Rawsonville Rd.

xxxx – repossession, W. Huron River Dr.

1139 – threat, Beacon Trl.

1142 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.

1214 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
N. I-94 Service Dr.

1236 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1255 – animal complaint, Winding Pond Dr./Pond
Ridge Dr.

1501 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck

1552 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Beckley Rd.

1622 – neighbor trouble, Cherry Ln.

1724 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.

1805 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

1814 – malicious destruction of property, N.
Ponderosa Trl.

1914 – threat, Parkside Dr.

1939 – noise complaint, Cedar St.

1951 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Hanover Dr. / Barnwell Dr.

2003 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.

2005 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.

2030 – domestic, Belleville Rd.

xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Manor
2047 – welfare check, Martinsville Rd.

2301 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
2346 – disorderly, Denton Rd.

Saturday, May 3:

0025 – felony assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0152 – welfare check, W. Huron Riverr Dr.

0206 – noise complaint, Beacon Trl.

0421 – assist other dept., N. Timberview Dr.

xxxx – repossession, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0519 – domestic, Holly Ln.

0639 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0825 – domestic, Holly Ln.

1111 – assist fire dept., Hannan Rd.

xxxx – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.

xxxx – welfare check, Bak Rd.

1534 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1537 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Belleville

1553 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.

1645 – juvenile complaint, Martinsville Rd.

1716 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.

1826 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.

1931 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W.
Walden Dr.

2000 – 911 welfare check, Maple Dr.

2040 – trespassing, Haverhill Rd.

2155 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Lancaster Dr. / Fairfield Dr.

Also, on this log are 147 traffic stops, 41 of which
are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. There also are 71
ordinance violations.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 27:

0913 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1025 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes,
W. Wabash Ave.
1041 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1410 – intrusion alarm, Menlo Park Dr.
2016 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
2235 – missing person, Potter Dr.

Monday, April 28:

1203 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Orchard
1308 – larceny, High St.
1612 – intrusion alarm, Clarence St.
1657 – threat, Carmell St.
1711 – private property/property damage accident,
W. Columbia Ave.
1724 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1816 – property damage accident, Main St.
2139 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Victorian Ln.

Tuesday, April 29:

0919 – personal protection order violation, Brain
1103 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Clarence St.
1349 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.
1814 – malicious destruction of property, S.
Industrial Park Dr.
1838 – follow up by officer, Burtrig
2145 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Main St.

Wednesday, April 30:

0940 – warrant arrest, W. Wabash Ave.
1501 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1609 – warrant arrest, S. Edgemont Ave.
1645 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W.
Wabash Ave.
1705 – animal complaint, South St./E. Davis St.

Thursday, May 1:

0916 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
xxxx – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1711 – fraud, Belle Villa Blvd.
1946 – threat, Main St.

Friday, May 2:

1132 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.
1209 – harassment call, E. Thornhill Ct.
1420 – vehicle lockout, Bay Pointe Dr.
1716 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,
Carmell St.
2018 – welfare check, Main St.

Saturday, May 3:

1006 – motorist assist, Denton Rd./Main St.
1156 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1342 – warrant arrest, Main St.

There are 91 reports on this week's log and 54 of these
are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 27:

0057 – suspicious circumstance, 25000 bl. Sumpter
Rd.

0524 – alarm, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

0813 – mental health call, Colorado St.

1024 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.

1112 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

1236 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

1239 – juvenile matter, Wayside Dr.

1344 – 911 hangup, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

1512 – juvenile matter, Wayside Dr.

1541 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.

1804 – damage to property, New Mexico St.

1827 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

1840 – juvenile matter, Tamarack Dr.

1955 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2323 – family trouble, Iowa St.

Monday, April 28:

0233 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.

0504 – family trouble, Knollwood Dr.

0820 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.

0907 – assist other agency, Tulip Dr.

0931 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.

1013 – 911 hangup, Washington St.

1151 – animal complaint, Willow Rd./Sumpter

1205 – fire dept. assist, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.

1451 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Willis Rd. /

Sumpter Rd.

1542 – malicious destruction of property, Creekside
Dr.

1543 – welfare check, Birch Dr.

1647 – 911 hangup, Oakville Waltz Rd./Clark Rd.

1716 – ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.

1716 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl.

Martinsville Rd.

1725 – suspicious circumstance, Country Club Blvd.

1757 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

1800 – assist other agency, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

1940 – animal complaint, Redwood St.

2005 – assist other agency, Willis/Rawsonville

2054 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.

2243 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, 24000 bl.

Sherwood Rd.

2300 – assault, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

2309 – 911 hangup, Creekside Dr.

Tuesday, April 29:

0134 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.

1014 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Sumpter
Rd.

1115 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1117 – 911 hangup, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

1152 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1252 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Wear

1302 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1538 – follow-up investigation, 10000 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

1552 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.

1558 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1624 – property damage accident, California St. /

Willis Rd.

1736 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

1901 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1953 – traffic complaint/hazard, 46000 bl. Wear

2038 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2230 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.

Wednesday, April 30:

0742 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.

0813 – assist other agency, Walnut St.

0837 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

1003 – felony warrant arrest, Wayside Dr.

1401 – 911 hangup, 192 Magnolia Dr.

1731 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1919 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Elwell

2044 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Elwell

2219 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.

2225 – suspicious vehicle, Deborah Ct. / Martinsville

Rd.

2349 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Elwell

Thursday, May 1:

0527 – 911 hangup, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0800 – assist citizen, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

0932 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0948 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

0956 – 911 hangup, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

1025 – suspicious vehicle, Deborah Ct. / Martinsville
Rd.

1108 – 911 hangup, Arizona St.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Friday, May 9** – Music Bingo begins at 7:30 p.m. hosted by DJ Betty at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Public welcome.
- **Thursday, May 15** – Third Thursday in the Ville is from 5 to 8 p.m. when pop-up crafters are in the Fourth Street Square and inside retail businesses in downtown Belleville. It's the Third Thursday of each month, from March through December.
- **Thursday, May 15** – The Keystone Academy All-Bands Concert is at 6:30 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church at 810 E.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1427 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
1441 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1519 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1534 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1700 – mental health call, Colorado St.
1702 – civil matter, Arizona St.
1732 – welfare check, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1843 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Harris
2117 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Sully
2151 – suspicious circumstance, Harris/Sumpter
2251 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2253 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, May 2:
0222 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
0713 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0930 – civil matter, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0959 – fraud complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1017 – 911 hangup, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1244 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1405 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
1440 – 911 hangup, Greenmeadow Dr.
1726 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1740 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1824 – neighbor dispute, Texas St./California St.
1907 – suspicious circumstance, Oregon St.
1931 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1934 – carrying concealed weapon violation, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
2207 – traffic complaint/hazard, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
2238 – property damage accident, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Saturday, May 3:
0404 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.
0549 – family trouble, Arizona St.
Also on this week's log are 194 patrol checks, 80 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

Huron River Dr., Belleville. Students from the fifth through eighth grades will perform under band director Eric Zeuty. This is the third year the concert will be at Bethany, which has a large enough auditorium for all who wish to attend.

• **Friday, May 16** – Eagle Riders Summer Steak Roast at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Starts at 5 p.m. until gone, followed by two-person band, "Flaunt Love", at 7:30 p.m.

• **Friday, May 16** – Family Feud brought to you by the Romulus VFW Post 78 Auxiliary, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. Doors open at 6 p.m., games start promptly at 7 p.m. Teams of up to six players, \$5 per player. Bring snacks to share at your table; drinks can be purchased in the club room. Public welcome.

"Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death."
– Albert Einstein



CITY OF BELLEVILLE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA Tuesday, April 8, 2025 6:30 pm

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Voigt	Absent – Excused
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Present
Julie Kissel	Present
Jeremiah Beebe	Present
Randy Priest	Present
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion by Kissel second by Beebe to approve agenda as presented.
Motion carried.
- 4. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION**
 - a. Liberty and High Streets HMA Mill & Cap Bid Award
Motion by Priest second by Beebe to award bid to Al's Asphalt in the amount of \$587,356.00 to mill and cap High Street and Liberty Street.

Julie Kissel	YEA
Randy Priest	YEA
Jeremiah Beebe	YEA
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	YEA
- 5. CITIZENS COMMENTS**
Rosemary Oztman requested copy of bids received.
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**
Motion by Priest second by Kissel to adjourn at 6:46 PM
Respectfully submitted by
Michelle Bellingham, Deputy Clerk
Published: May 8, 2025



SATURDAY, MAY 10

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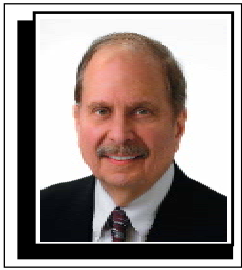
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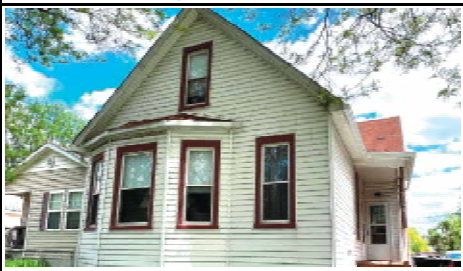
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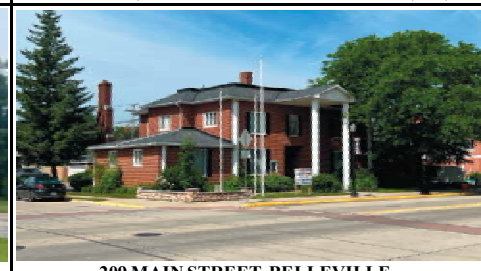
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